

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed August 30, 2006, has been reviewed and carefully considered. Claims 1, 4, 7, 12, 15, 18, 23, 26, 29, 34, 37 and 40 have been amended, and claims 2-3, 6, 13-14, 17, 24-25, 28, 35-36, 39 and 45-46 have been canceled. Claims 1, 4-5, 7-12, 15-16, 18-23, 26-27, 29-34, 37-38 and 40-44 are pending in the application.

As noted on page 1, please charge Deposit Account No. 50-2587 (HSJ920030206US1) the amount of \$400.00 for the addition of 2 independent claims in excess of the previously paid for 6 independent claims and the the cancellation of independent claims 45 and 46.

In paragraph 2, on page 2 of the Office Action, claims 7, 18, 29 and 40 were objected to because of informalities.

Applicants respectfully traverse the objection to the claims, but in the interest of expediting prosecution have amended the claims to overcome the objections as suggested.

In paragraph 3 on page 2 of the Office Action, claims 1, 2, 4, 6, 12, 13, 15, 17, 23, 24, 26, 28, 34, 35, 37, 39, 45 and 46 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Dolivo.

However, in paragraph 5 on page 4 of the Office Action, claims 3, 5, 7-11, 14, 16, 18-22, 25, 27, 29-33, 36, 38 and 40-44 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicant respectfully traverses the rejections, but in the interest of expediting prosecution have amended the claims to accept the allowable claims. Claims 1, 2 and 3 have been combined. Claim 4 has been amended to depend from newly amended claim 1. Claim 7 has been amended to included the previous language of claim 1 thereby resulting in claim 7 now being an independent claim. Claims 2-3 and 6 have been canceled.

In the second set of claims comprising Claims 12-22, Claims 12, 13 and 14 have been combined. Claim 15 has been amended to depend from newly amended claim 12. Claim 18 has been amended to included the previous language of claim 12 thereby resulting in claim 18 now being an independent claim. Claims 13-14 and 17 have been canceled.

In the third set of claims comprising Claims 23-33, Claims 23, 24 and 25 have been combined. Claim 26 has been amended to depend from newly amended claim 23. Claim 29 has been amended to included the previous language of claim 23 thereby resulting in claim 29 now being an independent claim. Claims 24-25 and 28 have been canceled.

In the fourth set of claims comprising Claims 34-44, Claims 34, 35 and 36 have been combined. Claim 37 has been amended to depend from newly amended claim 34. Claim 40 has been amended to included the previous language of claim 34 thereby resulting in claim 40 now being an independent claim. Claims 35-36 and 39 have been canceled.

Finally, claims 45-46 have been canceled.

On the basis of the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the claims are in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration of this application and its allowance are requested.

If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any issues concerning this communication, please contact Attorney for Applicant, David W. Lynch, at 423-757-0264.

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